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Building Infrastructure
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to establish any mechanism to help in building rural infrastructure and boost farm productivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which such initiative will enhance rural infrastructure along with farm productivity; and

(c) the financial allocation proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI BIRENDER SINGH)

(a)to (c): The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY), Indira AwaasYojana (IAY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), in rural areas of the country through State Governments and UT Administrations. The objective of these programmes is to bring overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through employment generation and building rural infrastructure. Under PMGSY single all-weather road connectivity to all eligible unconnected habitations, exiting in the Core Network are provided in rural areas of country. One of the goals of the MGNREGA is the sustainable development of an agricultural economy. Through the process of providing employment on works that address causes of chronic poverty such as drought, deforestation and soil erosion, the Act seeks to strengthen the natural resource base of rural livelihood and create durable assets in rural areas. Activities such as water conservation and water harvesting, drought proofing including afforestation through plantation, irrigation canal including micro & minor irrigation works, land development water bodies (construction/renovation), flood control and protection works, including drainage in waterlogged areas, rural connectivity are undertaken under MGNREGA. These activities besides creating productive assets have also strengthened the livelihood resource base of the poor in the country side. To further the pace of agriculture in India, Finance Minister allocated Rs. 25,000 crore in 2015-16 to the corpus of Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) set up in NABARD.
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